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For: Intelligent Oven Appliance

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

ATTENTION: Application Division

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION

I. This replies to the NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION (Form PTOL-458) mailed December 21, 2001.

A copy of the NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION (Form PTOL-458) is enclosed.

COMPLETION OF INFORMALITIES

II. To complete the informalities noted on the NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, applicant submits herewith:

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING/TRANSMISSION (37 C.F.R. section 1.8a)

I hereby certify that this correspondence is, on the date shown below, being:

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a new Declaration, bearing the above application number and filing date, in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.63, and showing the post office address and the city and state or foreign country of applicant's residence;

new drawings complying with the size requirements; and

a check in the amount of \$954 to cover the required filing fee and surcharge.

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EXTENSION OF TIME

III. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

FEE PAYMENT

IV. Please charge Account No. 19-3140 for any extension fee which may be due with regard to this conditional petition.

A duplicate of this transmittal is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The statutory basic filing fee is missing.
 Applicant must submit \$ 740 to complete the basic filing fee for a non-small entity. If appropriate, applicant may make a written assertion of entitlement to small entity status and pay the small entity filing fee (37 CFR 1.27).
- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$84.
 - \$84 for 1 independent claims over 3.
- The oath or declaration is unsigned.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 954.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - Drawings must be in dark ink (not pencil), except where color drawings or photographs are permitted.
 - Drawings must be reasonably free from erasures and must be free from alterations, overwritings, interlineations, folds, and copy marks.
 - drawings submitted to the Office are not electronically reproducible. Drawing sheets must be submitted on paper which is flexible, strong, white, smooth, non-shiny, and durable (see 37 CFR 1.84(e));

A copy of this notice <u>MUST</u> be returned with the reply.

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